

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**



## Comments

## P1

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04/13/2006 10:03 AM  
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cc:  
Subject: Comments on draft RMP

Dear BLM:

Please include this message as our comment on the draft RMP for Coeur d'Alene Field Office. I (George) have visited this area, and I worked with several colleagues who took graduate study at the University of Idaho in Moscow and enjoyed visiting Grandmother Mountain.

- 1 Our specific concern is that the BLM-managed part of Grandmother Mountain roadless area is suffering degradation because of uncontrolled use by off-road vehicles. Recent visitors have observed that ORVs are going off-trail and imposing impacts on unspoiled terrain.

If this abuse is not halted by measures in the new RMP, you will see further deterioration leading to the loss of important public values. ORVs in the wrong places create excessive surface disturbance that results in erosion, gully, and siltation of watercourses. ORVs also disturb sensitive species of wildlife and degrade the wildlife habitat values of the land. They also broadcast noise that prevents other visitors from enjoying a quiet day in wild country. We have seen this type of impact in many public land areas of the West. It should not be allowed to ruin the resource values and public enjoyment of Grandmother Mountain.

To resolve this problem, we urge:

- 2 1. Bar ORVs from five trails: Lookout Mountain/Widow Mountain Trail, Delaney Creek Trail, Lost Lake Trail, Little Lost Lake Trail, and Fish Lake Creek Trail. This will cut down on illegal off-road incursions, stop deterioration of the trails, and keep ORVs from ruining other people's enjoyment.
- 3 2. Give strict protection to wilderness characteristics of Marks Butte and Pinchot Butte. If BLM is still barred from establishing new wilderness study areas, these should be protected by a comparable management prescription in the final RMP. (Other BLM offices have used this approach to protect sensitive resources in a manner that complies with Secretary Norton's no-wilderness policy.) Eventually these units should be placed in WSA or Wilderness Inventory Area status. ORVs should be barred from these areas, as they are roadless and they support unique ecosystems that would be damaged by ORV impacts.

Please keep us informed of further action on the Coeur d'Alene RMP. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,  
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## P2

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cc:  
Subject: Roadless Areas Comment

Dear BLM:

I am writing to provide comment on your development of a revised Resource Management Plan for North Idaho. I have personal experience with the abuses that have occurred in some of the designated Roadless Areas and Wilderness Study Areas.

Grandmother Mountain trails, including Lookout Mt./Widow Mt., Delaney Creek, Lost Lake, Little Lost Lake, and Fish Creek trails, are used by residents from local urban centers to relax and get a wilderness experience. They are the closest roadless areas to Moscow and surrounding towns. Motorized use of these areas causes not only major conflicts, but destruction of the trail systems. On an early spring hike last year, my wife and I encountered numerous dirt bike riders freely roaming the trails of Grandmother Mountain. Snow was still on many parts of the trails and the spring foliage was just beginning to come through the moist soil.

When we pointed out the trails were not for motorized vehicles, the riders rudely informed us that no one ever said anything to them, it wasn't marked as no motorized vehicles from the way they entered the trail system, and all "Forest Service" land was open for multiple use. Since some of the bikers were armed (hunting in the spring?) we did not pursue the issue further.

- 1 With Clarkia dirt bike raceway just a short distance from this wilderness area, the bikers feel they can come across the road and ride freely in all the backcountry. Protection for this area, the trails and the ecosystems, needs to continue, be strengthened, and be enforced.
- 2 I would add that Mark's Butte and Pinchot Butte areas also deserve to be designated as Wilderness Study areas. They have unique ecosystems and should be protected from intrusion by motorized vehicles.
- 3 Please take these comments into consideration when developing your plan. Stronger rules for roadless areas in North Idaho need to be enforced and advertised. Please help keep our wilderness a place for solace, rather than conflict.

Paul Allan

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## Responses

P1-1: As indicated on page 1-7, roadless area inventories and wilderness suitability determinations are beyond the scope of the RMP. BLM's recommendations on Wilderness Study Areas were forwarded to the President in 1991. Those recommendations were later forwarded to Congress, and continue to await Congressional action. We have been directed by BLM Instruction Memorandum No. 2003-275 that "the BLM's authority to conduct wilderness reviews, including the establishment of new WSAs, expired no later than October 21, 1993, with the submission of the wilderness suitability recommendations to Congress pursuant to Section 603 of the FLPMA" and also, "that the BLM is without authority to establish new WSAs." The three BLM wilderness study areas within the planning area were recommended non-suitable for wilderness designation. Elimination of allowed motorized uses to manage these non-suitable WSAs as if they were wilderness is inconsistent with and contrary to the recommendations before Congress. Consequently, alternatives to make "closed" vehicle designations were considered but not carried forward. The document was modified to make this clear.

The BLM does have the responsibility to manage WSAs in accordance with BLM Handbook H-8550-1, Interim Management Policy for Lands Under Wilderness Review (IMP) until such time as Congress acts to designate them as wilderness or release them from further consideration. The basic interim management standard is termed the "non-impairment" standard and says WSAs shall be managed "in a manner so as not to impair the suitability of such areas for preservation as wilderness" (p. 2). "Management to the non-impairment standard does not mean that the lands will be managed as though they had already been designated as wilderness" (p. 5). The IMP says with regard to motor vehicle use, "Mechanical transport, including all motorized devices as well as trail and mountain bikes may only be allowed on existing ways" (p. 16). Also, "Some lands under wilderness review may contain minor facilities that were found in the wilderness inventory process to be substantially unnoticeable. For example, these may include primitive vehicle routes ("ways") and livestock developments. There is nothing in this IMP that requires such facilities to be removed or discontinued. On the contrary, they may be used and maintained as before, as long as this does not cause new impacts that would impair the area's wilderness suitability" (p. 12).

You are correct that if uncontrolled, motor vehicle use will cause surface disturbances. If unchecked, wilderness suitability could eventually be impaired. Vehicle use in the Grandmother Mountain WSA is limited to the boundary roads and is limited to 2-wheeled vehicles on designated trails where trails are single-track. The proposed action is to continue this "limited" designation. ATV use of single-track trails is currently prohibited and this prohibition would continue. The real issue is management and enforcement, which should be improved. To this end, the proposed action would establish the Widow Mountain Special Recreation Management Area and include all BLM lands in and around the Grandmother Mountain WSA (see Action RC-D1.1.1). Currently this is an extensive management area and receives only custodial recreation management.

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P1-1 (Cont.): An additional action would expand the Lund Creek Research Natural Area to include Pinchot Marsh (Map 55). Also see Action RC-D1.8.1, specifying maintenance of the existing semi-primitive setting. In addition, note Actions RC-D1.8.3 and TM-D1.1.9 stressing coordination of travel restrictions with the Forest Service. This is important to solving current problems that exist because the Forest Service travel restrictions in the area are less stringent and do not match the BLM's.

P1-2: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response to P1-1.

P1-3: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see responses to P1-1 and O5-16.

P2-1: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response to P1-1. Your comments mentioned OHV damage specifically on Grandmother Mountain. Please be aware that the western portion of the Grandmother Mountain Wilderness Study Area, which includes Grandmother and Grandfather Mountains, was transferred by Congress to the U.S. Forest Service by the Arkansas-Idaho Land Exchange Act of 1992. BLM no longer has management authority over this part of the WSA and our travel restrictions do not apply to the transferred western portion.

P2-2: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response to P1-1.

P2-3: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see responses to O4-1 and O5-16.

## Comments

## Responses

## P3

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Public comments on the Coeur  
d'Alene Field Office management  
plan

March 29, 2006

To: BLM Planners

I am a retired Forest Service forest planner. A major part of my job was to: 1) teach the NEPA, 2) do legal reviews on all NEPA documents written on the Nez Perce National Forest, 3) write NEPA documents, and 4) advise people on the NEPA when they had questions. I held this staff-level job for 16 years. I know what a good NEPA document should look like and how it should be formatted for the public to understand.

While browsing the WEB I saw the URL for the DEIS for the management plan. I read it several times and I will tell you this: it's the worst excuse for a DEIS I have ever read. It should be studied in public land management education courses as what not to do. It really is that bad. What grade school did you contract with to have them write it?

Not only was the NEPA terrible, but the land management issues you address look like they considered by a child.

I only retired several years ago, but I'm still aware of the largest threats to public land now and in the future, (see below)

1

Major Threat: Road construction (system or temporary ... it makes no difference),  
Threat #2: Resource extraction (logging, mining and grazing),  
Threat #3: Agencies living to the public with sweet sounding euphemisms,  
Threat #4: Uncontrolled ATV traffic (including snowmobiles),  
Threat #5: Noxious weeds (although this threat is not so great as to justify the use of poison (a.k.a. herbicides) on MY public land.

Sincerely,

Richard Artley

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## P4

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North Idaho ELM Plan revision  
Comments

April 12, 2006

Dear BLM Planner,

I am the recently retired forest planner from the Nez Perce National Forest in Grangeville Idaho. I was the coordinator and writer/editor for the first Nez Perce forest plan finalized in 1985. Until I retired in 2003, I did nothing but planning, writing forest plan amendments, and was assigned to do legal compliance checks of all NEPA documents produced on the forest. I know planning and I know public land issues very well.

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A friend of mine from Moscow Idaho recently informed me that the BLM is revising their Resource Management Plan for all public land acres managed by the BLM in northern Idaho. She was quite concerned that the Grandmother Mountain Roadless Area will continue to be adversely affected ... and this revised plan will do nothing to stop it. She simply does not trust the BLM to manage the area right for all 298 million American owners.

Her primary concern was that the BLM has never attempted to keep motorized ORVs and ATVs from running on trails intended for foot and horse traffic. I told her that the Forest Service was faced with the same problem. I also told her that a new or revised plan was not needed to control this destructive traffic.

On the Nez Perce Forest, we adopted a policy that any and all trails were closed to motorized vehicles, unless specifically signed as open. We publicized this widely. We then took a large part of our law enforcement funding and dedicated it to enforcing this new policy. We made out many costly tickets and made a few ATV hooligans quite angry. The great thing about these tactics was that they worked. Word got out that riding ORVs or ATVs on anything but a road, would cost the rider dearly on the Nez Perce.

We felt that this was more very necessary. Before the new policy, the Nez Perce Forest had scores of complaints about:

- 1) horses that were scared by the ATV noise and throwing the rider ... one time sustaining serious injuries.
- 2) hikers that had to run off the trail to keep from being hit by ATVs driving at a high rate of speed. In many cases, the riders were described as laughing.
- 3) hikers and campers who entered the woods for peace and quiet, however their experience

P3-1: The planning issues were derived from analysis of the management situation and comments received during public scoping as described on page 1-3. More detailed information on scoping and the planning issues is available on the RMP website at [www.blm.gov/rmp/id/cda](http://www.blm.gov/rmp/id/cda).

P4-1: Thank you for your comment.

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## P4 (Cont.)

was ruined by the scream of 2-cycle engines miles away.

We felt that uncontrolled ATV/ORV traffic on foot trails created a potential legal liability problem. We had no choice but to crack down and crack down hard!

The Grandmother Mountain Roadless Area is used by many residents and college students from Pullman and Moscow. Not only is it an inventoried roadless area, but it is a Wilderness Study area. Nearly all of these people use the roadless area in non-motorized ways. Why on earth would you let 5% of the users spoil the experience for the other 95%.

- 2 The Wilderness Act of 1964 states that once an area becomes a wilderness study area, under no circumstances will any activity be allowed to reduce the wilderness character of the area. Since you still allow ORVs in this area to run willy-nilly wherever their vehicle will go, the BLM is in violation of the Wilderness Act.

I was stunned to find out that ALL foot trails inside the roadless area are still open to ORV use. Please let me respectfully say that this is either laziness or lack of knowledge on the part of the BLM. This use has become abuse as many motorized users have chosen not to ride on the trail system.

- 2 In your revised North Idaho Plan you MUST prohibit ATVs and ORVs from operating in the ENTIRE Grandmother Mountain Roadless Area. This is a roadless area people!!!!!! Do you not understand the written English language. This is a roadless area and ORVs/ATVs create road-like 50" to 80" wide tracks through the forest.

Sincerely,

Richard Artley

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P4-2: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response to P1-1.

## P5

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To

cc

Subject  
Public comment on Roadless Area

As an employee of the USDA-Forest Service, I am well aware of how difficult it is to manage public lands for the mutual benefit of the people as well as future generations. I do not normally wade into the public fray over management decisions; however, some unpleasant personal experiences on the Grandmother Mtn. Trail System have motivated me to respond.

My husband and I live in Moscow, ID and pursue non-motorized outdoor recreation as often as possible. Last spring, we chose to hike up at Grandmother Mtn. because it is the only roadless area within easy access of our home. We were trudging through snow, amazed at its depth and tenacity, when we heard the roar. Six dirt bikes came over the rise and skittered downhill through the snow with little to no control over their progress. We quickly jumped off the trail and pulled our dog with us--it was a close encounter that we hadn't planned on! The folks on the bikes were friendly and non-threatening, but I was angry that they were there. This small trail system is precious little of the national public land system of the area. Most the country side is open to motorized vehicles and those of us who prefer to walk, ski, or snowshoe are rarely able to leave the smelly, noisy OHVs (snow machines, ATVs's, dirt bikes, etc.) behind (not to mention the threat of being in the line of fire during the various open hunting seasons!). It seemed wrong that these OHVs are allowed in the roadless areas as it violates the intention of the rule if not the letter of the rule.

- 1 I agree with the following points as made by the Friends of the Clearwater:  
1) Due to the high use of this region by primitive recreation enthusiasts, motorized use causes a major conflict

- 2 2) As this is an inventoried roadless area and in part a Wilderness Study Area its ecological integrity may be compromised by increasing motorized abuse

3) Mark's Butte and Pinchot Butte, home to unique ecosystems and without road systems, should be designated as Wilderness Study areas

I am strongly advocating the Grandmother Mountain trails (Lookout Mt./Widow Mt. Trail, Delaney Creek Trail, Lost Lake Trail, Little Lost Lake Trail, Fish Lake Creek Trail) be closed to ORV use.

Sincerely,

Louise Ashmun  
Louise E. Ashmun  
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P5-1: Thank you for your comment.

P5-2: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response to P1-1. Your comment letter mentioned OHV damage specifically on Grandmother Mountain. Please be aware that the western portion of the Grandmother Mountain Wilderness Study Area, which includes Grandmother and Grandfather Mountains, was transferred by Congress to the U.S. Forest Service by the Arkansas-Idaho Land Exchange Act of 1992. BLM no longer has management authority over this transferred western portion of the WSA and our travel restrictions do not apply to it.

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Name: Chad Beckford  
 Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: PO Box 501  
 City, State, Zip: Coeur d'Alene, ID 83813 Date: 4/08/06

**Comments:** (Comments may be continued on the back or a separate sheet.)

Keep the 4x4 trails open!! This opportunity is a family event. We took our 9 month old son, two dogs four-wheeling with the North Idaho Trailblazers. What a great experience for all of my family. Do not close any trails, please!!

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P6-1: Thank you for your comment.

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 Affiliation (if any): NORTH IDAHO TRAIL BLAZERS  
 Street Address: 16270 N. Westwood Drive  
 City, State, Zip: Rathdrum Idaho 83858 Date: 3/28/06

**Comments:** (Comments may be continued on the back or a separate sheet.)

Being an outdoor enthusiast who normally utilizes forest routes weekly I have found 4 wheel drive areas universal closed to Jeep width vehicles with the exception of the Pine Creek drainage. I would like to see this area kept open to travel for Jeep width vehicles. I would also like access open in other areas other than Pinehurst Pine Creek area if possible.

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P7-1: Thank you for your comment.

P7-2: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response P42-1.

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P8

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To

cc

Subject  
grandmother's butte, pinchot butte,  
and mark's butte roadless areas

Due to the high use of this region by primitive recreation enthusiasts, motorized use causes a major conflict. As this is an inventoried roadless area and in part a Wilderness Study Area its ecological integrity may be compromised by increasing motorized abuse. Mark's Butte and Pinchot Butte, home to unique ecosystems and without road systems, should be designated as Wilderness Study areas

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Grandmother Mountain trails that should be closed to ORV use

Lookout Mt./Widow Mt. Trail  
Delaney Creek Trail  
Lost Lake Trail  
Little Lost Lake Trail  
Fish Lake Creek Trail

Please consider all this as life on earth sort of really seems to depend on all these non-human areas. Thank-you, Joseph Bayley

P8-1: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response to P1-1.

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Name: Lucas D. Bell

Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: PO Box 663 4600 Grove St.

City, State, Zip: Arhol ID 83801 Date: 4-8-06

**Comments:** (Comments may be continued on the back or a separate sheet.)

N. ID needs more designated trails for  
jeeps or ATV. It would help keep up  
the forest because people would be more  
apt to stay out of the offroad areas &  
stay on the designated trails.

P9-1: Thank you for your comment.

US DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
DRAFT RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (RMP) AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) FOR THE  
COEUR D'ALENE FIELD OFFICE, NORTHERN IDAHO

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## P10

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Comments

Comments from:

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- 1 On Map 15 an area near Wallace Id is shown to be closed to mining under Alt C and D. This area is probably held already with unpatented claims. How can an area be withdrawn from entry when it is already staked?
- 2 The large area NE of St Maries that is closed to mining probably has low mineral potential, but I did not read about a good reason for withdrawing it.
- 3 I am skeptical about the need to close as many roads as are being closed and am concerned about the effects of limited access not only for recreational purposes, and the economic effects thereof, but also for fire and emergency purposes.

P10-1: Lands can be withdrawn form the mining laws at any time but they remain subject to valid existing rights.

P10-2: This is a WSA (Crystal Lake) which is closed to leasing and in most cases closed to sale, but locatable mineral activities can occur if they do not impair the wilderness suitability (H-8550-1, Interim Management Policy for Lands Under Wilderness Review).

P10-3: Thank you for your comment.

## P11

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Subject

Grandmother Mountain trails

- 1 Please close all Grandmother Mountain trails to ORV use. This area is of special value to residents of the Moscow-Pullman area seeking peace and quiet and the enjoyment of a natural setting that is largely undisturbed. While many hikers, cross-country skiers, and other non-motorized recreationists can enjoy this area simultaneously without compromising its integrity, it only takes one noisy ORV to spoil the solitude of a multi-square-mile area and to leave the environment scarred and diminished.
  - 1 ORV use is entirely incompatible with an area that contains a wilderness study area and unique ecosystems on Mark's and Pinchot Buttes that also deserve wilderness designation. Please be good stewards of these public resources and close them to further ORV abuse.
- Sincerely,
- Robert S. Briggs  
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P11-1: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response to P1-1.

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Name: Cedar BrinkleyAffiliation (if any): North Idaho TrailblazersStreet Address: 18219 W. Hauserview drCity, State, Zip: Hausen Lake Idaho 83854 Date: 4-8-06**Comments:** (Comments may be continued on the back or a separate sheet.)

I've always enjoyed driving my 75 bronco  
on all the trails located on the blm land  
Pine creek, West pine creek, Kalosa creek,  
Highland creek, to see the old mines around the  
country, and all the extreme opticals that  
are located on blm's land

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P13

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04/14/2006 08:28  
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To

cc

Subject

Grandfather Mountain Trails

Good morning,

1 I understand that you are considering trail usage in the Grandfather Mt area. I am more or less against letting ATVs and other motorized vehicles destroy our wilderness. Specifically the following trails should be off limits to motorized vehicles.

Lookout Mt/Widow Mt.  
Fish Lake  
Lost Lake  
Little Lost Lake

Thank you,

Bill Caldwell  
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P12-1: Thank you for your comment.

P13-1: Thank you for your comment. Please see response to P1-1.

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Name: BRAD DAFFIN / SARAH CAMPBELL

Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: 1037 TEFET STCity, State, Zip: CORVALLIS MT 59828 Date: 4/8/06**Comments:** (Comments may be continued on the back or a separate sheet.)

We had A real enjoyable time  
All the trails should remain open

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P14-1: Thank you for your comment.

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Name: Jody Degenstein

Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: 308 E. WahashCity, State, Zip: Sportane, WA 99207 Date: 4/8/06**Comments:** (Comments may be continued on the back or a separate sheet.)

The runs were great. Please don't  
Shut them down -

Maybe more trails can be  
opened

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COEUR D'ALENE ID 83814

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P15-1: Thank you for your comment.

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## P16

Wildspirit999@aol.com  
 04/13/2006 10:07 AM  
 ID\_CDA\_RMP@blm.gov  
 Wildspirit999@aol.com  
 RMP Public Comment

To  
 cc  
 Subject

April 13, 2006

Resource Management Plan  
 Coeur d' Alene Field Office  
 1808 N. Third Street  
 Coeur d' Alene, ID 83814

This is comment to submit input regarding the project alternatives and potential environmental impacts of the US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Management Plan (RMP) as identified in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Coeur d' Alene Field Office, Northern Idaho.

Comments:

I am a citizen taxpayer and member of the general public.

I wish to provide input for the millions of us citizen taxpayers and members of the general public whom have trail 4x4 motorized vehicles, but do not know of this RMP. It was only by accident that I was informed of this RMP in process. I only wish I could give you names and addresses for all the people that would like to comment in a manner similar to me if they were aware of this and given a real comment opportunity.

I, and millions of us whom have trail 4x4 motorized vehicles, endorse trails and the responsible use of public lands for people. I believe I have some familiarity with some of the trails that are currently being discussed. However, I place my comment concerning any trail and for all trails that could be, but aren't or trails that no longer are.

I am only familiar with seven trails in the area that I understand are being considered.

Palisades Mine Road  
 Twin Craig's  
 Latour Creek  
 Westfork Pine Creek  
 Middlefork Pine Creek  
 Highland Creek  
 Pine Point

Millions of us whom have trail 4x4 motorized vehicles endorse trails and support the responsible use of public lands for people, my comments are:

There are millions of us whom have trail 4x4 motorized vehicles and we endorse motorized trails and the responsible use of public lands for people. We endorse the continuing use of the above trails for responsible motorized use.

## P16 (Cont.)

We, and millions of us whom have trail 4x4 motorized vehicles, endorse trails and the responsible use of public lands for people, think it is irresponsible for government, by the people, of the people and for the people and that are charged with proper management of public lands and being supported by taxpayer money to manage those lands irresponsibly.

There are millions of us whom have trail 4x4 motorized vehicles and we endorse motorized trails and the responsible use of public lands for people and there are more people joining our ranks daily.

The population of our country is growing daily. There are thousands of miles of new roadways being built annually. These roads are for all citizens to use motorized vehicles on. Too much use of these roadways results in the degradation of such roadways and usually results in additional roadways to meet the additional demand of more use. Governmental roadway managers are charged with providing additional roadways; to do otherwise is poor roadway management (negligence/misfeasance) at best and gross negligence (malfeasance) at worst.

There are millions of us whom have trail 4x4 motorized vehicles and we endorse motorized trails and the responsible use of public lands for people and there are more people joining our ranks daily. Maintaining the same number of motorized trails means more and more use of the trails as a natural consequence of more and more 4x4 motorized vehicles.

Additional motorized trails and new motorized trails are required to maintain a balance of the trails and prevent degradation. There are millions of us whom have trail 4x4 motorized vehicles and we endorse motorized trails and the responsible use of public lands for people and there are more people joining our ranks daily. Are area land managers that do not promote motorized trail growth negligent and committing misfeasance by definition?

Elimination of motorized trail miles or elimination of motorized trails with more and more users means more and more use of those trails. There are millions of us whom have trail 4x4 motorized vehicles and we endorse motorized trails and the responsible use of public lands for people and there are more people joining our ranks daily. Motorized trail loss is critical and can cause degradation to existing trails. Are area land managers that allow loss of motorized trails and do not promote additional trails and do not promote motorized trail growth grossly negligent and committing malfeasance by definition?

The population of our country is growing daily. There are thousands of miles of new roadway being built annually. These roads are for all citizens to use motorized vehicles on. There are millions of us whom have trail 4x4 motorized vehicles and we endorse motorized trails and the responsible use of public lands for people and there are more people joining our ranks daily. Motorized trail loss is critical and can cause degradation to existing trails. Additionally, aside from negligence, misfeasance, and malfeasance, is the failure for land managers to provide additional motorized trail mileage and trails adequate to prevent degradation of motorized trails illegal?

The Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution provides, "No state shall ... deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." This clause requires land users who are similarly situated to be similarly treated (except where treating them differently can be justified).

There are millions of us whom have trail 4x4 motorized vehicles and we endorse motorized trails and the responsible use of public lands for people and there are more people joining our ranks daily. Under the Constitution of the United States and the individual States, are the millions of us whom have trail 4x4 motorized vehicles and endorse motorized trails and the responsible use of public lands for people of which there are more people joining our ranks daily entitled to Equal Protection?

I am only familiar with the seven trails in the area listed below that I understand are currently being considered in the RMP. However, by my knowledge, the millions of us whom have trail 4x4 motorized vehicles that endorse motorized trails and the responsible use of public lands for people and the more people joining our ranks daily should be considered to similarly comment.

P16-1: Thank you for your suggestion. The proposed action would establish a "limited" travel designation on most BLM land (Action TM-D1.1.1). To implement this RMP allocation, motor vehicle use would be restricted to certain designated routes. Use of some routes would be further restricted by season of use or class of vehicle. Implementation decisions to establish a network of designated vehicle routes were also made in the RMP. Please refer to Maps 37-40. In the Pine Creek area the Middle Fork Pine Creek route is open and managed for 4WD activities (See Recreation Management Action RC-D1.5.7). Additional roads in the area are also designated as travel routes. The Palisades Mine route remains closed because the BLM continues to have safety concerns with it. The Calusa Creek Road remains closed because the lower end is washed out and use in its current condition is a water quality/sedimentation concern. In accordance with Recreation Management Action RC-D1.5.6 the BLM will work towards designing an interconnected recreation road and trail network in the area. Adjustments to the designated transportation network can be made over time in accordance with Action TM-D1.1.8 as conditions change and easements are acquired.

P16-2: Thank you for your comment.

P16-3: Thank you for your comment.

P16-4: Everyone is entitled to equal protection under the proposed RMP.

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Twin Craig's  
Latour Creek  
Westfork Pine Creek  
Middlefork Pine Creek  
Highland Creek  
Pine Point

This is comment to submit input regarding the project alternatives and potential environmental impacts of the Resource Management Plan (RMP) as identified in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Coeur d'Alene Field Office, Northern Idaho.

5 We, the people, demand that the above listed trails and all others that may lay within the province and within the jurisdiction of the US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), be properly considered under good land management for suitability for continuing and expanded use as motorized trails.

6 Further, petition is hereby made for additional motorized trails and trail miles of like quality and similar difficulty as well as increased difficulty to provide an adequate trail system to meet the trail use needs of the millions of us whom have trail 4x4 motorized vehicles that endorse motorized trails and the responsible use of public lands for people and for the people joining our ranks daily.

Thank you for your efforts in behalf of good land management and increase of motorized trail access to our public lands.

Forrest Dexter &  
in behalf of the millions &  
for the future  
P.O. Box 810  
Veradale, WA 99037

P16-5: Thank you for your comment.

P16-6: Thank you for your comment.

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Name: DAVE CARL GRAHAM  
Affiliation (if any): 4WHEELDRIVE CLUB  
Street Address: 631 W OHIO MATCH RD  
City, State, Zip: ANTHURUM ID 83858 Date: 4-10-06

Comments: (Comments may be continued on the back or a separate sheet.)

I LIKE TO TRAVEL ON ALL OF THE TRAILS  
IN THE PINE CREEK AREAS, CALAUSA  
CREEK, THE PALISADE MINE OVER TO  
LATOUR CREEK - THE HILANE CREEK AND  
THE MIDDLE FORK THESE ROADS SHOULD  
BE OPEN FOR USAGE ALLYEAR AROUND. I  
HAVE USED ALL OF THEM AT TIMES

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P17-1: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response P16-1.

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DRAFT RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (RMP) AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) FOR THE  
COEUR D'ALENE FIELD OFFICE, NORTHERN IDAHO

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## P17 (Cont.)

1 \$ FROM 1974 UNTIL NOW AND SEE NO  
GOLD REASON FOR CLOSING THEM BECAUSE  
SOMEONE IN NEW YORK OR LA DON'T LIKE  
US ASING THE BACKCOUNTRY.  
THANKS Dave Graham

(fold here)

Return Address:

DAVE GRAHAM  
631 W OHIO AVE N. RD.  
RATHDRUM ID 83850

SPOKANE WA 992

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 ATTN: RMP  
 1808 N. Third Street  
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 COEUR D'ALENE, ID 83814

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Name: Ron Grey  
 Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: 4810 W. WOODSIDE AVE.  
 City, State, Zip: Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815 Date: 4/8/06

Comments: (Comments may be continued on the back or a separate sheet.)

1 I WOULD LIKE THE HIGHLAND CREEK  
AREA TO 4 WHEEL DRIVES, PLEASE LOOK  
 2 AT KEEPIER PINE CREEK AREA FOR  
 3 4 WHEELING, PLEASE KEEP PULSAS  
AREA OPEN

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P18-1: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response P16-1.

P18-2: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response P16-1.

P18-3: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response P16-1.

## Comments

## Responses

## P19

Brenda Guettler  
<bguettler@yahoo.com>  
04/14/2006 07:38 AM  
ID\_CDA\_RMP@blm.gov  
roadless areas comment

To  
cc  
Subject

I am writing this email today for several reasons.  
First, I would like to thank you all for aiming to protect and retain the health of our public lands.  
I'd also like to thank you for accepting comments on issues that affect us all.  
I feel strongly that our roadless areas be protected and their integrity be maintained. This is only possible when motorized vehicles stay on the trails they are allowed on. Enforcement of this is vital to maintaining healthy ecosystems.

- 1 I especially feel that the following five trails on Grandmother Mountain should be off limits to ORVs
- 1.) Lookout Mt./Widow Mt. Trail
  - 2.) Delaney Creek Trail
  - 3.) Lost Lake Trail
  - 4.) Little Lost Lake Trail
  - 5.) Fish Lake Creek Trail

In addition, I feel strongly that Mark's Butte and Pinchot Butte, home to unique ecosystems and without road systems, should be designated as Wilderness Study areas.

Entering roadless areas is a unique and rare opportunity. These areas demand our protection.

Thank you for taking these comments into consideration, Brenda Guettler  
313 S. Main  
Moscow, ID 83843

P19-1: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response to P1-1.

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Name: STEVE HAIGHT

Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: 415 S. PARKWAY DR.

City, State, Zip: CHENEY WA. 99004 Date: 4/8/06

**Comments:** (Comments may be continued on the back or a separate sheet.)

MOTORIZED RECREATION IS #1 TO MY FAMILY,  
MY SON IS 12 YEARS OLD AND LOVES THE  
OUTDOORS, HUNTING, ATV RIDING AND JEEPING  
PLEASE KEEP AREAS OPEN TO OFF ROAD  
RECREATION FOR HIM AND HIS SONS

THANK YOU

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P20-1: Thank you for your comment.

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## Comments

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## P21

David Hall  
<deh@moscow.com>

04/14/2006 10:50  
AM

ID\_CDA\_RMP@blm.gov

To  
cc

Subject  
Resource Management Plan Revision,  
North Idaho

ID\_CDA\_RMP@blm.gov

Re: Resource Management Plan Revision, North Idaho

Grandmother Mountain is the closest roadless area to Moscow. Many residents of Moscow and the Palouse in general, including students from the University of Idaho and Washington State University, use this area to pick huckleberries, seek solace, snowshoe, cross-country ski, day hike, and backpack.

The trails within the Grandmother Mountain roadless area are open to ORV use. This use has become abuse as many motorized users have chosen not to stick to the trail system. It would be great to have the trails in this area closed to motorized use. Due to the high use of this region by primitive recreation enthusiasts, motorized use causes a major conflict. As it is the closest roadless area to a relatively large population center, its peaceful attributes should be maintained.

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This area is in large part designated as a Wilderness Study Area, thus should be maintained as nearly as wilderness as is practical. As this is an inventoried roadless area and in part a Wilderness Study Area its ecological integrity may be compromised by increasing motorized abuse

And, as motorized abuse is being reported, clearly motorized use at Grandmother Mountain is not being adequately controlled.

Please prohibit motorized use on 1) Lookout Mt./Widow Mt. Trail, 2) Delaney Creek Trail, 3) Lost Lake Trail, 4) Little Lost Lake Trail, and 5) Fish Lake Creek Trail.

In addition, Mark's Butte and Pinchot Butte Roadless Area should be proposed for Wilderness Study Area designation. Pinchot Butte is home to a unique peat bog ecosystem.

David Hall  
1334 Wallen Road  
Moscow, ID 83843

April 14,  
2006

P21-1: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see responses P1-1 and O5-16.

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Name: Chris Hauke

Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: 403 S Plwy DR

City, State, Zip: Cheney WA 99004 Date: 8 Apr 06

Comments: (Comments may be continued on the back or a separate sheet.)

Had great time. we should all be  
able to enjoy the outdoors. There's enough  
land available for everyone to enjoy.  
"IT'S MANAGABLE"

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P22-1: Thank you for your comment.

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Name: Neal Hill  
 Affiliation (if any): Public Land access Veranda (Pave) Coeur d'Alene 4x4 Club  
 Street Address: 801 19th  
 City, State, Zip: LeWick, Id 83501 Date: 4-8-06

Comments: (Comments may be continued on the back or a separate sheet.)

First off, I respect and understand the possible  
impact of off-roading to land preservation I do not cross country  
travel. However, I would appreciate continued use of 4-wheeling  
the trails in my area and feel strongly. Specifically all of the  
Pine Creek drainage (old shaft, middle fork, late fork).  
Please let us continue our recreational sports I appreciate  
your management of the land and continued support for our  
recreational sport. Thank you Neal Hill

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Resource Management Plan  
 Coeur d'Alene Field Office  
 1808 N. Third Street  
 Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814  
 (208) 769-5050 facsimile

RE: BLM Resource Management Plan

I have been told that the BLM is considering or discussing closing the following trails:  
 Palisades Mine Road, Twin Craig's, Latour Creek, Westfork Pine Creek, Middlefork Pine  
 Creek, Highland Creek, Pine Point.

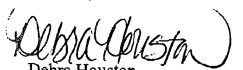
I am a taxpaying member of the public. The public population is increasing. We need more trails of all types, especially of the caliber of the above listed trails, not less.

I am confused. At a time when there are not enough motorized trails the government is considering closing more? Is the intent to close enough to overwork the trails left, so they can all become closed? Will we then need more BLM employees to look over the land no one uses? I am confused?

All those trails are necessary to even think about providing a decent trail system in the Coeur d'Alene area. All the trails everywhere, and including this area, are in jeopardy of closure; some I understand due to overuse. It makes no sense to close those listed to make matters worse.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
 Debra Houston  
 5202 Spirit Lake Cutoff Road  
 Spirit Lake, ID 83869

P23-1: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response P16-1.

P24-1: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response P16-1.

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Name: TOM INGRAM  
 Affiliation (if any): SUNSET FOUR RUNNERS  
 Street Address: 7921 E GRACE  
 City, State, Zip: SPOKANE Date: 4-8-06

Comments: (Comments may be continued on the back or a separate sheet.)

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND ALL  
OPINIONS CONCERNING CLOSING  
OF MIDDLE FORK OF PINE CREEK -  
INTERESTS OF ALL PARTIES ARE  
IMPORTANT. - NORTH IDAHO IS A  
GOOD PLACE TO KEEP TRAILS FOR  
4X4 OPEN, BLM WILL KEEP ALL  
IN MIND. THANKS -

Comments must be received by April 14, 2006

P25-1: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response P16-1.

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"Holly Jaleski"  
 <admin@aeaassoc.com>  
 03/13/2006 12:55 PM  
 To  
 <scott\_pavey@blm.gov>  
 cc  
 Subject  
 comments on RMP draft

I am on the BLM Resource Advisory Council, serving the Public-at-large.

My comments are as follows:

- 1) Alternate D is a pretty good alternate, though I would like to see less logging, though I understand there are many areas which really have too many trees.
- 2). I live near the Wallace Wildlife Conservation area, and if other BLM areas are treated like that area, then you guys are doing a great job. There is a wide variety of wildlife (cougar, bear, moose, elk, bobcat, and pileated woodpecker) just to name a few. And the forest seems to be very healthy, and not many noxious weeds even though logging has occurred there.
- 3). If I am reading the RMP correctly there is some logging proposed there, but it really does not need it. There are big healthy trees, and not too much dead wood on the ground. So my suggestion would be to leave that area alone for the next 15 years, and let it continue as it is.
- 4). I would also like to see some licensing requirements put in place for ATV's, since it is the areas where they are allowed that has the biggest noxious weed problems. The licensing monies should be directed towards the noxious weed fund. I know that will be hard to enforce, but maybe the majority would be OK with the fee if it was not unreasonably high and they knew it was going to help combat the noxious weed problem.

You guys put on great presentations, and I think you have done a great job, taking into consideration all the different needs of the people who use BLM land.

Thank you,

Holly Jaleski  
 5051 Wolf Lodge Terrace, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814  
 208-665-5888

P26-1: Thank you for your comment.

P26-2: Future management actions in this area could address both of these issues. Forest treatments are proposed at various locations throughout the CDAFO during the next 15-20 years. Once the exact location of these treatments is determined, project-level environmental review will occur and will take into consideration the condition of each proposed treatment area in terms of habitat value, presence of old-growth stands, water quality, fuels and fire potential, and proximity to other sensitive resources.

Under all alternatives forest vegetation treatments are allowed in the Wallace L. Forest Conservation Area. Much of this area was adversely impacted by the 1996 ice storm and bark beetle infestations that followed. In areas where shade tolerant trees dominate, root rot disease is widespread. This area would also be part of the Coeur d'Alene Lake Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) and would be designated as visual resource management (VRM) Class II under all alternatives. Any treatment would have special restrictions in order to comply with SRMA and VRM management direction.

P26-3: Establishing a federal licensing and registration program was suggested during development of the BLM 2001 National Management Strategy for Motorized Off-Highway Vehicle Use on Public Lands. Such a strategy was rejected since it would "constitute a significant departure from existing federal policy which defers such regulatory matters to state and local agencies" (pg. 9).

P26-4: Thank you for your comment.

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Name: Pam Katus  
 Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: 18029 N. Vicki Rd.  
 City, State, Zip: Rathdrum ID 83858 Date: 4/8/06

**Comments:** (Comments may be continued on the back or a separate sheet.)

I would like to see the BLM ground open to public use for 4 wheel drives and ATVs. We like to spend time on the trails as a family

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P27-1: Thank you for your comment.

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Name: RAY KATUS  
 Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: 18029 N. VICKI RD.  
 City, State, Zip: RATHDRUM ID. 83858 Date: 8 APR 06

**Comments:** (Comments may be continued on the back or a separate sheet.)

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE BLM GROUND OPEN TO ~~4X4'S~~ 4X4'S. THE TRAIL RIDES ARE GREAT FUN FOR OUR FAMILIES. ~~AND ARE GREAT~~

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P28-1: Thank you for your comment.

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## Comments

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## P29

JOHNNY KLETKE  
<john\_kletke@yahoo.com>

02/23/2006 11:14 AM

ID\_CDA\_RMP@blm.gov

To

cc

Subject

MANAGEMENT

I have watched with interest on the management of land in northern Nevada and Southern Idaho. The areas have been destroyed by the lack of good sound management. Junipers are taking over many areas and everything dies. The area owned by ranching are in much better condition than BLM property.

- 1 I see BLM land being managed for the benefit of a few environmental people and not the general population. More access should be provided to those areas for use by the general public. Having spent ten years with Idaho Fish and Game I believe that biologists input should be decreased since they have formal education but no on the ground experience.
- 2
- 3

Sincerely

John

P29-1: Alternative D has been created to provide access for as wide a variety of users as possible and as diverse a resource base as possible while protecting resources for future benefit. The DRMP includes measures to allow for commodity uses such as timber harvest and mining, diverse recreational opportunities such as OHV use and backcountry hiking, maintenance of fish and wildlife habitat, and protection of physical resources such as water, soil, and vegetation that benefit all citizens.

P29-2: Thank you for your comment.

P29-3: The BLM wildlife biologist assigned to the planning team has 32 years of experience in different field offices of which 15 years have been in northern Idaho. The BLM fisheries biologist assigned to the planning team has 12 years of experience. The BLM botanist assigned to the planning team has 16 years of experience.

## P30

Roger Korus  
<rkorus@uidaho.edu>

04/13/2006 09:18 AM

ID\_CDA\_RMP@blm.gov

To

cc

Subject

Grandmother Mountain Area

Dear BLM,

I have visited the Grandmother Mountain area many times during my 27 years in Moscow. I enjoy hiking and camping in the area. Unfortunately, off road vehicle use has worsened the experience. I request that you do your best to eliminate ORV use within the roadless area. The trails should be reserved for hiking and perhaps mountain biking.

- 1 I especially request that the trails: Fish Lake Trail, Lookout Mt./Widow Mt. Trail, Delaney Creek Trail, Lost Lake Trail, and Little Lost Lake Trail be closed to ORV usage. This is the most convenient roadless area near Moscow and should be better protected.

Thanks for your attention, Roger

Roger Korus  
1038 Virginia  
Moscow, Idaho 83843

P30-1: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see responses to P1-1 and O5-16.

## Comments

## Responses

## P31

"Russel J. Leahy"  
 <rlj@ruenyeager.com>  
 01/18/2006 02:57 PM  
 To: <ID\_CDA\_RMP@blm.gov>  
 cc:  
 Subject: Draft Resource Management Plan

To whom it may concern,

I have recently read portions of the Draft Resource Management Plan and am somewhat disturbed by the alternatives proposed. Under each alternative, the first highlighted point mentions how to handle the traveling public on BLM land. As this appears as the first point under each alternative, it must be the primary reason for drafting the Draft Resource Management Plan. It can be easily seen that none of the alternatives proposed include increasing the amount of area for use by the traveling public. And by traveling public, I mean the taxpaying OHV users.

How could the plan not include an alternative to increase access to these users when the intended purpose of government land is to be used for the benefit of the taxpayers? To me it appears that this alternative was blatantly disregarded.

If one were to be confined to the four narrow choices provided in the RMP, my recommendation would have to be for Alternative A. Why is there an RMP to begin with? Judging from reading the report, it would seem you would have to define the problem in order to have a reason to change the existing management plan! The other alternatives proposed are simply not an option. Each one requires the succession of more land for preservation and less for taxpayer recreation. At what point does this constant erosion of our access end? Dare I say when the taxpayers are not allowed access to land anymore? Please choose alternative A or revisit the RMP and include an alternative for increased access.

Thanks,

Russell J. Leahy, P.E.  
 Ruen-Yeager & Associates, Inc.  
 3201 North Huetter Road, Suite 102  
 Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814  
 Phone: (208)292-0820  
 Cell: (208)818-6634  
 Fax: (208)292-0821

P31-1: Alternative A would provide extensive access for on- and off-road travel (65% of the FO would remain open to off-road travel). However, when considering how best to manage all other resources, including many that are directly or indirectly affected by motorized travel, a balance was reached that will still allow for extensive motorized travel and at the same time allow for maintenance of other types of resources.

P31-2: Thank you for your comment.

P31-3: The purpose and need for the RMP are described in Section 1.2. Impacts of the alternatives on recreational opportunities are described in Chapter 4.

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Name: James McGovern  
 Affiliation (if any): North Idaho Trailblazers  
 Street Address: 15861 Kootenai St, PO Box 134  
 City, State, Zip: Rathdrum Id 83858 Date: 4-10-06

**Comments:** (Comments may be continued on the back or a separate sheet.)

being a disabled person, I am limited to places I can go. With road closures from everyone, I am losing access to public lands. I regularly frequent the trails in the pine creek drainage, especially the palisade nine trail and pine creek middle fork trail. I hope to have continued access in the future.

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P32-1: Thank you for your comment.

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Name: Lewis E Miller  
 Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: 29039 N. Miller Rd  
 City, State, Zip: Attol ID 83801 Date: 4-8-06

**Comments:** (Comments may be continued on the back or a separate sheet.)

So many other areas have great jeep trails we need to be competitive w/ other regions. Designated jeep + ATV trails would bring more money + tourists to our region + give us more to do.

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P33-1: Thank you for your comment.

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Name: Jim Nelson  
 Affiliation (if any): High MTN ATV Assn.  
 Street Address: 521 Wolf Fork Rd  
 City, State, Zip: Dayton WA 99328 Date: 2-15-06

**Comments:** (Comments may be continued on the back or a separate sheet.)

I would urge the implementation of alternative D Thank you

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P34-1: Thank you for your comment.

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Name: NATHAN ODELL  
 Affiliation (if any): SPOKANE 4 WHEELERS & NORTH IDAHO TRAILBLAZERS  
 Street Address: 11717 E 37TH AVE  
 City, State, Zip: SPOKANE WYOMING, WY 89200 Date: 04/08/2006

**Comments:** (Comments may be continued on the back of a separate sheet.)

I LIKE TO DRIVE SHORTWHEELBASE VEHICLES, SPECIFICALLY  
 TO ROCK-CRAWL ON THE FOLLOWING ROADS &  
 DRAINAGE AREAS: MIDDLE FORK OF PINE CREEK, THE  
 HIGHLAND CREEK DRAINAGE, THE PAULS AGES MINE ROAD  
 INCLUDING POST THE MINE AND UP AND OVER THE DIVIDE TO  
 THE LATOUR CREEK SIDE, THE MIRROR LAKE AND  
 LAKE BELLE AREAS, AND KANODSA CREEK. I WOULD

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1. ESPECIALLY  
~~SPOKANE~~ I LIKE TO SEE THE FOLLOWING TRAILS RE-OPENED  
 TO SHORT WHEELBASE VEHICLES FOR "EXTREME 4 WHEEL DRIVE" USE.  
 THE DIVIDE TRAIL, BOULDER CREEK, ATLAS MINE ROAD, AND  
 FROST PEAK. I ALSO LIKE TO USE THE HIGHLAND CREEK AREA.

(fold here)

Return Address:



BLM Coeur d'Alene Field Office  
 ATTN: RMP  
 1808 N. Third Street  
 Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

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P35-1: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response P16-1.

Also, as shown on Map 37 (Draft), the Boulder Creek and Frost Peak Roads are designated routes without restrictions. The Atlas Mine Road is shown with vehicle class restrictions. There is no resource management reason for this, so the RMP is changed to show this as a designated route without restrictions (Map 37, Final). Vehicle class restrictions remain proposed for the Coeur d'Alene/ St. Joe Divide Trail. Restrictions are consistent with the current width and easement constraints on the route.

## Comments

## Responses

## P36

"Mike Pearson"  
<mike@anateklabs.com>  
04/13/2006 10:01 AM  
To  
<ID\_CDA\_RMP@blm.gov>  
cc  
Subject  
Trail abuse by 4-wheelers

Hello,

I'm a lifelong resident of Idaho, and have lived in the Moscow area since 1980. I'm an avid outdoor enthusiast. I hike, mountain bike, ski, and fish in the most beautiful state in the union: Idaho.

I spend much of my time hiking and cycling in the Freeze-out area off of FR 301.

In the last 4 years, all trails in this area have been decimated by 4-wheel motorized vehicles. This use group skirts gate closures and has put in new trails to the summit of Grandfather Mountain (I rode my bicycle down these eroded trenches last summer). The trail between Grandfather and Grandmother mountain is trashed, as is most of the "Historic" Delaney Creek Trail all the way to Marble Creek.

Being an avid bicyclist, I would have no problem with this area being closed to everything but foot traffic, but I favor a complete ban on all 4 and 3 wheel motorized traffic. These machines widen trails, create massive erosion, and in my opinion should be restricted to roads designed for car travel.

- 1 I have seen a huge negative impact on the following trails:

Lookout Mountain/Widow Mountain trails  
Gold Center Trail (This one is a freeway) Delaney Creek Trail Lost Lake and Little Lost Lake Trails Fish Lake trail All Trails on top of Grandmother and Grandfather Mountains (Grandfather Mountain is being devastated on its west slopes).

- 2 PLEASE KEEP 4-WHEELERS OFF OF OUR TRAILS - NOBODY WANTS THIS USE GROUP ON SINGLE TRACK TRAILS INCLUDING THE TWO WHEEL MOTORIZED CROWD, HORSE RIDERS, HIKERS, AND BICYCLERS.

Freezeout is a beautiful area all times of year. The "no-motorized vehicles" posted signs at freeze-out saddle last year were torn down, and driven by. There are responsible 4-wheeler riders out there and they keep to roads and unrestricted areas which are plentiful in Idaho.

Thank you for your time.

Mike Pearson  
Laboratory Director  
Anatek Labs, Inc.  
1282 Alturas Drive  
Moscow, ID 83843  
(208)883-2839

## P37

Diane/Al  
Prorak/Poplawsky  
<dial@moscow.com>  
04/16/2006 05:36 PM  
To  
ID\_CDA\_RMP@blm.gov  
cc  
Subject  
BLM RMP comments  
Please respond to  
dial@moscow.com

April 16, 2006

Bureau of Land Management:

I am writing to comment on the revision of your Resource Management Plan as it relates to management in the Grandmother Mtn. Roadless Area.

I realize I am a few days past the deadline, however due to knee surgery last week this is the first day I have been able to attend to this matter.

The Grandmother Mtn. roadless area has a long traditional usage by non-motorized recreational users. we, along with friends and family hike in the area at least a few times each year - for at least the past 16 years -, and used to ski up on Marks Butte in the winter before snowmobiles were made powerful enough to get up there and completely ruin the solitude and the experience.

Starting about 5 years ago, the motorized use in the area started becoming so excessive that our activities and those of others have become much less enjoyable. There is almost the constant whine of motors to be heard, and oftentimes the motorized users fly past (sometimes dangerously fast) in a terrible racket of noise and dust. One must literally listen for them coming and jump out of the way on time. There is terrible resource damage in some areas with numerous two-tracks created and very deep ruts with very deep dust instead of ground. I am also aware of illegally constructed ORV trails in the area.

- 1 Motorized use has got completely out of hand in this area.

Although much of this area is Wilderness Study Area, two parts with unique ecosystems (Mark's Butte and Pinchot Butte) are not and should be thus designated. The excessive motorized abuse of the WSAs and potential WSAs is a serious threat to the potential wilderness status of these areas.

Due to these problems, motorized use should be banned in the WSAs and also the Lookout Mtn/Widow Pk trail, Delaney Crk trail, Lost Lake Trail, Little Lost Lake Trail, and Fish Lake Creek Trail.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

Al Poplawsky/Diane Prorak  
2108 Vandal Dr.  
Moscow, ID 83843

P36-1: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response to P1-1. Your comment letter mentioned OHV damage specifically on Grandmother and Grandfather Mountains and Gold Center Trail among other places. Please be aware that the western portion of the Grandmother Mountain Wilderness Study Area, which includes Grandmother and Grandfather Mountains, was transferred by Congress to the U.S. Forest Service by the Arkansas-Idaho Land Exchange Act of 1992. BLM no longer has management authority over this western portion of the WSA and our travel restrictions do not apply to it. Also, Gold Center Trail is a Forest Service Trail.

P36-2: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response P1-1.

P37-1: Please see responses P1-1 and O5-16.

## Comments

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## P38

fred Rabe  
<fredr@uidaho.edu>  
>  
04/13/2006 10:07 AM  
Id\_CDA\_RMP@blm.gov,  
foc@wildrockies.org  
cc  
Subject  
Grandmother Mountain area

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I have done inventory work with Chuck Wellner a number of years ago in the Mark's Butte and Pinchot Butte areas. These fascinating wetland sites need to be protected as natural areas. Motorized use should somehow be excluded from this fragile ecosystem. Please close the following trails to ORV use: Lookout Mt./Window Mt., Delaney Creek, Lost Lake, Little Lost Lake and Fish Lake Creek. I may continue to study the aquatic sites - lakes, ponds, wetlands in the BLM Grandmother Mountain Roadless Area this summer.

Fred Rabe

P38-1: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response to P1-1.

The proposed action would expand the Lund Creek Research Natural Area to include Pinchot Marsh (see Map 55).

## P39

Dave Remington  
<gray73\_2000@yahoo.com>  
03/30/2006 10:59 AM  
ID\_CDA\_RMP@blm.gov  
cc  
Subject  
Draft Environmental Impact Statement  
(EIS) - Comments due by April 13

DATE: 30 March 2006

TO: CDA BLM Field Office BLM Coeur d'Alene Field Office  
ATTN: RMP  
1808 North Third Street  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814  
Email: ID\_CDA\_RMP@blm.gov  
Fax: 208-769-5050

FROM: David Gray Remington, Moscow Idaho (contact info in signature below)

SUBJECT: My comments on draft EIS due by April 13th

I request that the following be considered in revising the draft EIS:

- 1) Support additions to Wilderness Study Area network, and protect wilderness values in all WSAs
- 2) Ensure with specific provisions that motorized users are required to stay on designated roads and trails
- 3) Support additions to the Areas of Critical Environmental Concern network
- 4) Modify Alternative D to reflect a compromise between Alternative B (Commodity emphasis) and Alternative C (Conservation emphasis)
- 5) Reduce the acres of land identified for sale or exchange

David Gray Remington  
Cybrarian, Info Guide & Scout, & Wilderness Preserver (somewhat ret. :-)  
Email: gray73\_2000@yahoo.com  
Snail: 536 Ridge Road, Moscow, ID 83843  
Telamaphone: (cell!) 208-691-7943

P39-1: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response to P1-1.

P39-2: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response to P16-1.

P39-3: Thank you for your comment.

P39-4: Alternative D is somewhat of a compromise between Alternatives B and C. However, Alternative D also incorporates measures to mitigate potential impacts that BLM identified from preliminary analysis of Alternatives A, B, and C. It also incorporates new information that became available after development of the other three alternatives.

P39-5: The area identified as available for adjustment is simply an estimate of BLM-administered lands that do not meet the criteria for acquisition/retention. The criteria would be used to determine whether to retain, acquire, or adjust lands.

## Comments

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## P40

Melissa Sanborn  
<sanbornma@yahoo.  
com>

ID\_CDA\_RMP@blm.gov

To

04/13/2006 02:51  
PM

cc

Subject  
Grandmother Mountain Roadless  
Area/Trails

Dear BLM,

I have been a Moscow, Idaho resident for four years and am an avid fan of the outdoors. I enjoy the outdoors because they provide an escape from the obnoxious pace that most of us live in day in and day out. However, it is often difficult to enjoy the landscapes of the outdoors due to motorized recreational vehicles. Not only do these vehicles allow for recklessness on sacred wildlife land, they disturb the peace of the outdoors and distract from its true serenity. It has been brought to my attention that Grandmother Mountain Roadless Area will be affected by the revision of the BLM's Resource Management Plan. Widow Mountain Trail, Delaney Creek Trail, Lost Lake Trail, Little Lost Lake Trail, and Fish Lake Creek Trail are sacred parcels of land to trail-hikers, backpackers and skiers. It is vital that these trails and this land be closed off to off-road/motorized vehicles to protect the integrity of an area that is enjoyed by so many local residents.

Please consider this email in the revision of Grandmother Mountain Roadless Area - help protect the wildlife of the area and the trails for true outdoor enthusiasts.

Thank you,  
Melissa Sanborn

P40-1: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response to P1-1.

## P41

"Ted Scherff"  
<tedscherff@hotmail.  
com>

ID\_CDA\_RMP@blm.gov

To

04/13/2006 08:15  
AM

cc

Subject

I wish to comment on the RMP regarding the lands of Idaho administered by the BLM:

Motorized recreationists are destroying many areas of Idaho with overly intensive and indiscriminate activity. In the Grandmother Mountain area the Lookout Mt./Widow Mt. Trail, Delaney Creek trail, Lost trail, Little lost Lake trail, and fish lake creek trails are badly damaged by motorized users. These trails should be closed to motorized activity.

Most certainly, areas under Wilderness Study should be off-limits to motorized recreation. The past has shown that the old tactic of allowing degrading activity inside "Wilderness Study" areas for the purpose of degradation so the areas will not meet "wilderness" criteria, has back-fired on BLM and other federal resource management agencies and discredited the associated employees. This is shameful!

1| Marks Butte and Pinchot Butte should be designated as Wilderness Areas.

Sincerely,

Ted L. Scherff

P41-1: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response to P1-1.

## Comments

## Responses

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Name: Gretchen Stewart  
 Affiliation (if any): North Idaho Trail bbers  
 Street Address: 7365 Crenshaw  
 City, State, Zip: Rathdrum, ID 83858 Date: 4/8/06

Comments: (Comments may be continued on the back or a separate sheet.)

Please Designate the Pine Creek area and  
Latare Creek areas and for "Jeeping"

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"Gretchen  
 Stewart"  
 <gretchen.stewart  
 @gmail.com>

ID\_CDA\_RMP@blm.gov

To

cc

04/14/2006 07:12  
 AM

Comments

Subject

Hello there.

I'm a Grandmother and a Grandmother Mountain enthusiast. I've hiked there and picked huckleberries there and enjoyed the solitude and beauty. I plan to continue using this area close to my home for at least two more decades.

- 1 | Motorized use of this area is inappropriate because BLM cannot enforce the current uses allowed for motorized vehicles. Some motorized users are abusing the area and destroying the values that the area is best suited for--like primitive hiking, solitude, quiet, wilderness and roadless experiences. Furthermore, those motorized abusers are degrading the land and lowering the chances for the roadless area to become eligible for designated wilderness.

- 1 | I urge the BLM to please close the following trails to motorized use:  
 Lookout Mt./Widow Mt. Trail, Fish Lake Creek Trail, Little Lost Lake Trail, Lost Delaney Creek Trail, and Lost Lake Trail.

Also, Mark's Butte and Pinchot Butte are perfect candidates for designation as Wilderness Study Areas. Please recognize their uniqueness. I nominate them! Will you?

Thank you,  
 Gretchen Stewart  
 411 South Hayes  
 Moscow, Idaho 83843

P42-1: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response P16-1.

P43-1: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response P1-1.

## Comments

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Name: David Watson  
 Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: 926 KYLEA  
 City, State, Zip: HAUPPEN LAKE ID Date: 4/8/06

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fine creek, middle fork is where  
we like to trail ride, please  
keep this area open for public  
use.

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Susan Westervelt  
 <suew@uidaho.edu>

04/14/2006 04:36  
 PM

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Resource Mgmt Plan

To

cc

Subject

To Whom It Concerns,

As an Idaho native and one who visits the Grandmother Mountain area regularly for hiking, camping, photography, huckleberry picking and the remote scenic beauty of the area, it is of great concern to me that the revised management plan give the area proper protection. The area is part of the inventoried roadless lands and includes some Wilderness Study designation and it is imperative that ORV use be curtailed. The last time I was up there, the damage done by rampant off-road vehicle use was unsightly and radical. ORV use is a scourge on the landscape and ecologically destructive. At a minimum, the following trails should be closed to ORV use: Delaney Creek, Fish Lake Creek, Little Lost Lake, Lost Lake, and Lookout Mtn/Widow Mtn.

In addition to protecting the trails on Grandmother Mountain, Mark's Butte and Pinchot Butte qualify for Wilderness Study designation. There are no road systems, and the unique ecosystems of both areas deserve our formal protection.

Sincerely,

Susan Westervelt  
 PO Box 223  
 Deary, ID 83823

P44-1: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response P16-1.

P45-1: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response to P1-1.

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Name: Crystal Westphal  
 Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: 29550 N Miller Rd.  
 City, State, Zip: ATHOL ID 83801 Date: 4-8-06

**Comments:** (Comments may be continued on the back or a separate sheet.)

I would love to see more jeep & ATV trails. My husband & I have really enjoyed some of the trails in Washington & other states. I think that it would do a lot for our N. Idaho region if we had more designated trail areas. It would bring more people & business to our area.

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P46-1: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response P16-1.

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Name: Paul Westphal  
 Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: 29550 Miller Rd  
 City, State, Zip: ATHOL ID 83801 Date: 04-08-06

**Comments:** (Comments may be continued on the back or a separate sheet.)

would like to see more land managed to accommodate four wheel drive enthusiasts and ATV vehicles alike. I feel this would support the local economy of small towns in the designated areas by bringing more people into the areas to buy things. I enjoy the trail systems of Washington often and would like to see more in Idaho Panhandle region.

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P47-1: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response P16-1.

## Comments

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Name: DILL + BARB WHITE  
 Affiliation (if any): BACK COUNTRY ATV ASSO  
 Street Address: E. 11510 NUNN RD  
 City, State, Zip: ATHOL, IDA 83801 Date: 2-14-06

Comments: (Comments may be continued on the back or a separate sheet.)  
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SEEN IT GOES WITH THE F.S. PLAN.

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P48-1: Thank you for your comment.

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Back Country ATV Association  
 Policy Statement on the Resource Management Plan  
 For the  
 Idaho BLM Coeur d'Alene Field Office

I am DILL WHITE of Back Country ATV Association of the Coeur d'Alene area. I represent over 250 active members and 32 Associated Business Members in this area.

Back Country ATV Association is an organization dedicated to keeping our public lands open. By working with state, federal, and private organizations we can secure long-term usage which benefits all trail users. We actively oppose any laws and regulations that are determined to be detrimental to the best interest of our members. We look for ways to support other ATV clubs that shares mutual goals and objectives, hence expanding our ATV community. We also take environmental concerns seriously. We assist in trail clearing efforts, having our volunteer labor augment the primary agency resources. Back Country ATV believes public lands should be left in the same condition or better upon completion of our organized rides.

I want to acknowledge the BLM and all the Clubs and Associations that have been working on this Planning Process for the past 2 years. I commend you on the hard work and the resulting Documents are proof of this. It is a very important milestone you have all reached and is a compliment to the existing Federal Land Policy Act of 1976, and is proof that the work that has gone into this planning process will survive for the next 20 years.

Upon review by our membership, of this Draft RMP/EIS, and in keeping within the function of our club to interface with local, state and federal governmental organizations, to help us assure equal rights in the National Forest, we endorse the **Alternative D** the (Preferred Alternative) as presented, as we also feel that it represents the best mix and variety of management actions, to resolve the planning issues, and to achieve a balance between all the user groups involved. We are grossly opposed to the BLM taking no action as in Alternative A, as it will be to prohibited, when it comes time for implementing management measures needed to address our concerns, related to the growing recreational uses we enjoy, and the adverse impact on the local economies of our area. We acknowledge some of the constraints this alternative impacts, but concede to the fact that we must be flexible in the decision making in order to continue to use our public lands.

I thank for this opportunity to speak before you at this public hearing and to comment on this document.

P49-1: Thank you for your comment.

P49-2: Thank you for your comment.

February 7, 2006

## Comments

## Responses

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"The Williams"  
 <rajw@omnicast.net>  
 To  
 04/15/2006 08:44 AM  
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 cc  
 Subject  
 4x4 trail closures

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I have been informed of 4x4 trail closures in the following areas.

Palisades Mine Road  
 Twin Craig, s  
 Latour Creek  
 Westfork Pine Creek  
 Middlefork Pine Creek  
 Highland Creek  
 and Pine Point.

Why? The 4x4 community would be more than happy to help maintain any of these trails to keep them open for our sport. Why not let the groups in the 4x4 arena get involved to keep these trails available to use?  
 What does closing them achieve? Let the 4x4 groups know what the problems are so we can be better educated on the needs of the areas involved, and then provide people to help with whatever would be required to maintain these trails and roads.

Dick Williams  
 6122 N 'G' st.  
 Spokane WA. 99205

P50-1: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response P16-1.

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Name: JERRY L. WILLIAMS  
 Affiliation (if any): CDA SNOWMOBILE (#STATE)-ACCESS ALLIANCE  
BACK COUNTRY ATV-- GEM STATE ATV  
 Street Address: 1093 N. MORNING DR  
 City, State, Zip: POST FALLS, ID 83854 Date: 02-08-06

Comments: (Comments may be continued on the back or a separate sheet.)

I WANT ACCESS TO PINE CREEK FROM LATOUR CREEK, VIA THE TWIN CRAIGS ROAD. PINE CREEK WAS CLOSED FOR HUNTING, BUT THE LOCALS ARE HUNTING IT AND BRAGGING ABOUT IT. WE NEED MORE AREAS FOR ATVs, ETC. IF WE CAN'T HAVE FULL ACCESS TO OUR PUBLIC LANDS, SELL IT SO THERE WILL BE TAXES PAID ON IT.

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P51-1: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response P16-1.

P51-2: When considering how best to manage all resources, including many that are directly or indirectly affected by motorized travel, a proposed balance was reached that will still allow for extensive motorized travel and at the same time allow for maintenance of other types of resources.

## Comments

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Name: WYNNE C WILLIS  
 Affiliation (if any): HIGH MOUNTAIN ASSN / COEUR STATE ATV ASSN  
 Street Address: P.O. Box 52  
OSBURN  
 City, State, Zip: IDAHO 83849 Date: 2/15/06

**Comments:** (Comments may be continued on the back or a separate sheet.)

I support alternative 'D'

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P52-1: Thank you for your comment.

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"Robin Woods"  
 <rwoods@alturasan  
 alytics.com>

04/14/2006 11:49  
 AM

&lt;ID\_CDA\_RMP@blm.gov&gt;

To

cc

Subject

Freezeout Ridge

Hello,

I have lived in the Moscow, Idaho area since 1980 and I am an avid outdoor enthusiast. I enjoy hiking, mountain biking, and skiing in the most beautiful state in the union: Idaho. I spend much of my time hiking and cycling in the Freeze-out area off of FR 301.

In the last 4 years, all trails in this area have been decimated by 4-wheel motorized vehicles. This use group skirts gate closures and has put in new trails to the summit of Grandfather Mountain (I rode my bicycle down these eroded trenches last summer). The trail between Grandfather and Grandmother mountain is trashed, as is most of the "Historic" Delaney Creek Trail all the way to Marble Creek.

Being an avid bicyclist, I would have no problem with this area being closed to everything but foot traffic, but I favor a complete ban on all 4 and 3 wheel motorized traffic. These machines widen trails, create massive erosion, and in my opinion should be restricted to roads designed for car travel.

I have seen a huge negative impact on the following trails:

Lookout Mountain/Widow Mountain trails

Gold Center Trail (This one is a freeway)

Delaney Creek Trail

Lost Lake and Little Lost Lake Trails

Fish Lake trail

All Trails on top of Grandmother and Grandfather Mountains (Grandfather Mountain is being devastated on its west slopes).

P53-1: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response P1-1.

Your comment letter mentioned OHV damage specifically on Grandmother and Grandfather Mountains and Gold Center Trail among others. Please be aware that the western portion of the Grandmother Mountain Wilderness Study Area which includes Grandmother and Grandfather Mountains was transferred by Congress to the U.S. Forest Service by the Arkansas-Idaho Land Exchange Act of 1992. BLM no longer has management authority over this western portion the WSA and our travel restrictions do not apply to it. Gold Center Trail is a Forest Service Trail.

## Comments

## Responses

## P53 (Cont.)

2 PLEASE KEEP 4-WHEELERS OFF OF OUR TRAILS – NOBODY WANTS THIS USE GROUP ON SINGLE TRACK TRAILS INCLUDING THE TWO WHEEL MOTORIZED CROWD, HORSE RIDERS, HIKERS, AND BICYCLERS.

Freezeout is a beautiful area all times of year. The "no-motorized vehicles" posted signs at freeze-out saddle last year were torn down, and many non-responsible 4-wheeler enthusiasts drove past them. There are responsible 4-wheeler riders out there and they keep to roads and unrestricted areas, which are plentiful in Idaho.

Thank you,

Robin Woods

\*\*\*\*\*  
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P53-2: Thank you for your suggestion. Please see response to P1-1.

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